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THIEVES HIT BLM SITES ON THE LOWER MADISON

DILLON (July 13, 2004) – Thieves broke into two fee tubes along the Lower Madison River adjacent to the Bear Trap Wilderness and Bureau of Land Management officials are asking the public for help.

If you saw any suspicious activity in the area over the weekend, probably July 11, please contact the BLM law enforcement hot line at 1-800-826-3023. BLM is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of suspects.

Recently several fee sites have been vandalized and camping fees stolen from State and Federal recreation sites in Montana and Wyoming.

“User and campground fees are used for upkeep at recreation sites,” commented BLM Assistant Field Manager Rich Maggio in Dillon. “These thieves are taking money from the public meant to be used for improving camping and day-use facilities for everyone to enjoy.”